

HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

Mary Street, Belle Vernon, PA
(Serving the faithful of Belle Vernon and surrounding areas)

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

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Epistle Reading: Hebrews 7:26-8:2 **Gospel Reading:** John 10:9-16

Next Week: Ephesians 2:4-10 **Next Week:** Luke 12:16-21

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services	Sun., Nov. 13 th	20th Anniversary Memorial for the Repose of the Servant of God, John Metz requested by his parents, Dave & JoAnn	
	Sun., Nov. 20 th	Forefeast of Entry of Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Pro-Liturgy	10 am

Announcements: This month's **Parish Council Meeting** will take place **Monday, November 14th at 7 pm.**

We are pleased to welcome today Fr. Deacon Stephan Gresh and wife, Matushka Denise, from St. Paul the Apostle Church in Dayton, OH.

LAST CALL! For Food and Non-Food items for our parish Food Bank collection. We will accept donations only for the **next** two Sundays (**11/20 and 11/27**). The collections will be distributed to Food Banks in December.

Don't forget -- ** Nativity Fast (Philipovka) Begins at Sundown on Monday, November 14th.

Turkey Baskets for those in need at Thanksgiving?! Give Thanks for Your Blessings this Thanksgiving by lending a helping hand to someone less fortunate. St. Barbara's Altar Guild will be assembling Turkey Baskets for distribution on **Saturday, November 19th, BUT WILL NEED EVERYONE'S HELP to fill them! The Guild will be accepting **monetary donations to purchase all the Thanksgiving fixin's** for the baskets by **November 13th**. Please leave your donation at the Candle Stand. Also, the collection at the end of today's Divine Liturgy will be used to help with this wonderful project. If you know of someone who is in need of a Turkey Basket, please see Fr. Sam or Gloria Yuschak. All information will be kept confidential, of course.**

Don't forget to submit your order for nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls. All rolls are \$10 each. Please submit your orders at the Candle Stand by **November 27th**. *Please remember*, due to the large demand

for nut rolls, no orders can be accepted after the due date and to **include telephone numbers** on the order form.

Father plans to begin Advent Sacramental visits to our shut-ins quite soon. When he calls to schedule, please try to accommodate his visit. A revised list of our shut-ins will be printed in the bulletin. If you believe anyone should be added to that list, let Father know.

SAVE THE DATE: His Grace, Bishop MELCHISEDEK, is hosting a special Altar Servers' Retreat on **Saturday, December 3rd** at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Allison Park. Our Altar Servers will soon be receiving fliers for the event and one will be posted on the vestibule bulletin board.

Be An Angel – let's help the Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania make the holidays an enjoyable and peaceful time for victims of domestic violence and their children from Washington, Greene and now Fayette County. This year's Guild Christmas Project "**Be An Angel**" is off and running. Visit the bulletin board in the vestibule to select a Wish List item. See today's bulletin insert for more information. Please return all gifts to Patty Snodgrass on **Sunday, November 20th, November 27th, December 4th or December 11th**. The Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania thanks you in advance for your generosity and concern. God Bless!

Fr. Sam and Matushka Marsha are planning a visit for an early Thanksgiving celebration with their daughter Ivanna and family in Texas. The Smolcics will be departing in the afternoon on Friday, November 18th and will return to Pennsylvania sometime on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th. Frs. Gregory Peterson (724/483-4441) and Vitaly Dudkin (412/341-1055) have graciously offered to respond to any pastoral need calls. Also, Fr. Deacon John Oleynik will be with us for the Deacon's Pro-Liturgy on the intervening Sunday, November 20th at 10 am.

Feast Day of St. John Chrysostom – November 13th

St. John Chrysostom was born in Antioch in the year 347. He was studying Greek philosophy and became disgusted with Hellenic paganism and turned to the Christian faith as the one and all-embracing truth. He was baptized by Meletius, Patriarch of Antioch and after that his parents were also baptized. After their death, John became a monk and began to live in strict asceticism. He wrote a book: 'On the Priesthood', after which the holy Apostles John and Peter appeared to him, prophesying for him great service, great grace, and also great suffering.

When the time came for him to be ordained priest, an angel of God appeared at the same time to Patriarch Flavian (Meletius' successor) and to John himself. When the Patriarch ordained him, a shining white dove was seen above John's head. Renowned for his wisdom, his asceticism, and the power of his words, John was, at the desire of Emperor Arcadius, chosen as Patriarch of Constantinople. He governed the Church for six years as Patriarch with unequalled zeal and wisdom, sending missionaries to the pagan Celts and Scythians and purging the Church of simony, deposing many bishops who were given to this vice. He extended the Church's charitable words, wrote a rite for the Holy Liturgy, put heretics to shame, denounced the Empress Eudoxia, interpreted the Scriptures with his golden mind and tongue and left to the Church many precious books of sermons.

The people glorified him, the jealous loathed him; the Empress twice had him sent into exile. He spent three years in exile and died on Holy Cross Day, September 14th 407, in a place call Comana in Armenia. The holy Apostle John and Peter again appeared to him at the time of his death and also the holy martyr Basiliscus in whose church he received Communion for the last time. 'Glory to God for everything!' were his last words and with them the soul of Chrysostom the Patriarch entered into Paradise. Of his relics, the head is preserved in the Church of the Dormition in Moscow, and the body in the Vatican in Rome.

The Shelby D. Ferguson Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

